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February 5, 1979

Mr. Dean Roberts Energy Fuels Nuclear P.O. Box 787 Blanding, Utah 84511

> Re: Hillside-Gizmo-Maybe-Vallejo-Bears Ears Mine ACT/037/015

Dear Dean:

During the February 1, 1979 Executive Meeting, the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining gave their concurrence to the Division's decision to issue tentative approval to the above mentioned mine. They also concurred with the surety estimate of \$24,792.00

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining hereby issues tentative approval to the Hillside-Gizmo-Maybe-Vallejo-Bears Ears Mine Complex. A condensed version of the mining and reclamation plan will be published one time only in the San Juan County newspaper and Salt Lake City newspapers to solicit public comment. If no adverse public comment of substance is received within 30 days of the publication the Division will issue final approval to the mine upon receipt of suitable surety, approved in form and amount by the Board.

I asked the Board if they would accept surety in the form of a contract as we do with Atlas Minerals. To do so the Board requests that Energy Fuels Nuclear provide information to the Board showing that the company is stable and has sufficient holdings within the State to justify a contractual surety as opposed to a form of cash bonding.

The Division feels that certain work should be initiated this summer. In particular, trash and debris should be removed from the site, especially from drainages. Unstable areas should be stabilized where possible, and revegetation test plots should be started. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

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Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

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